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1. Prior to early February 1952, Chinese Communist Army Headquarters had decided to change the table of organization of infantry divisions, increase the fire power of the squads (pan 班) and increase the number of officers and men in the companies (lian 连). The following changes were to be made:

- Each squad was to have 18 men and to be equipped with one light machine gun, one Thompson sub-machine gun, and 16 rifles.
- Two 60-mm squads, equipped with two Chinese-made 19 kilogram guns, were to be added to each infantry company headquarters.
- Each infantry company was to have a total of 197 officers and men.
- Each infantry battalion was to have a total of 697 officers and men.
- Each infantry regiment was to have a total of 2,689 officers and men. A trench mortar company, a heavy machine gun company, a reconnaissance company, and certain other units were to be placed in each regiment under the direct command of regimental headquarters.
- Each infantry division was to have a total of 11,402 officers and men.

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- Comment: These squads are probably 60 mm mortar squads and are apparently equipped with weapons weighing 19 kilograms or 42 pounds.

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